

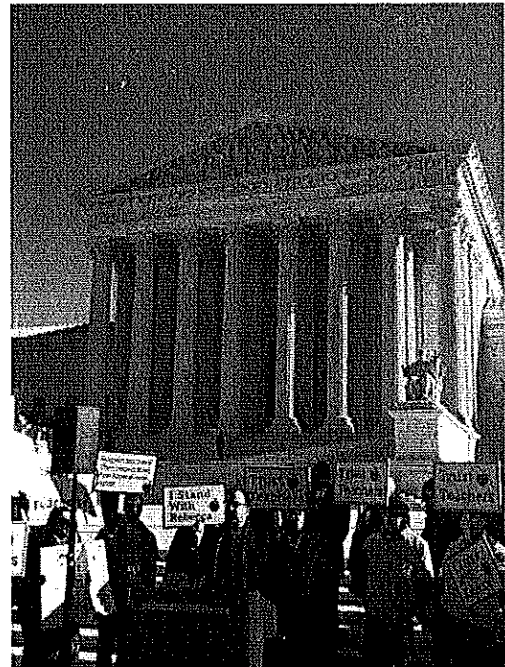
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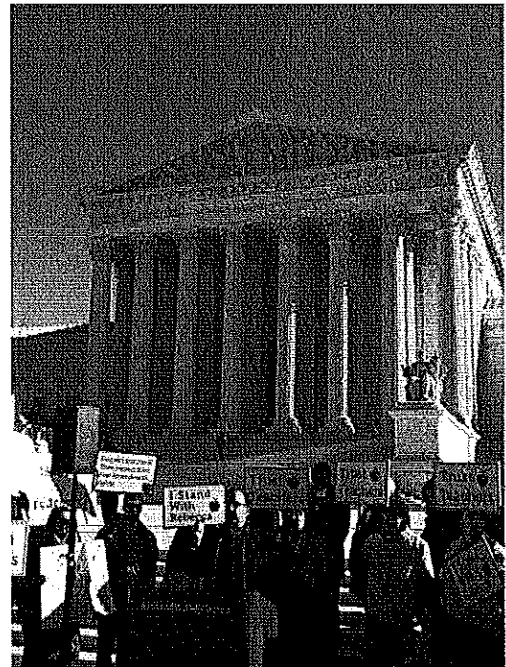
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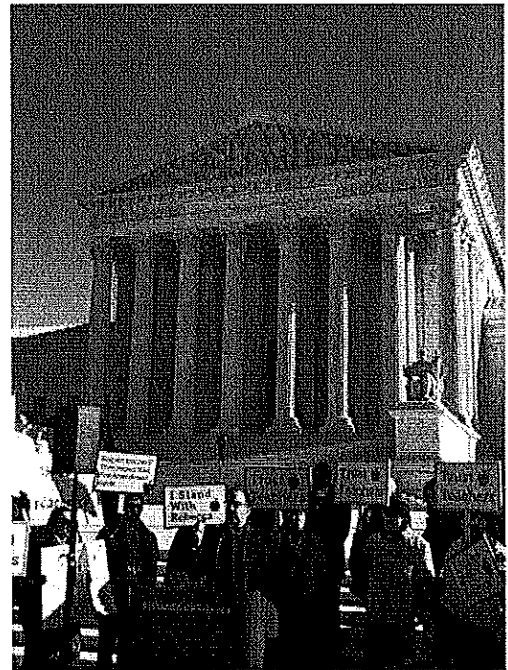
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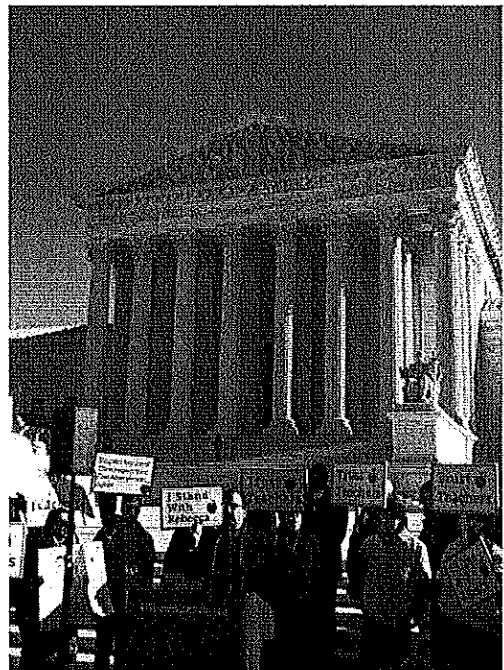
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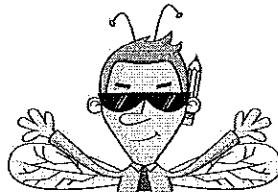
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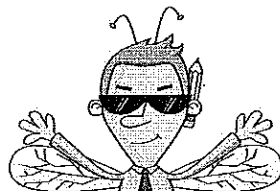
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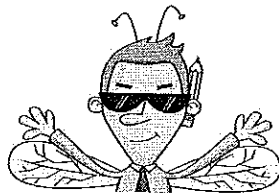
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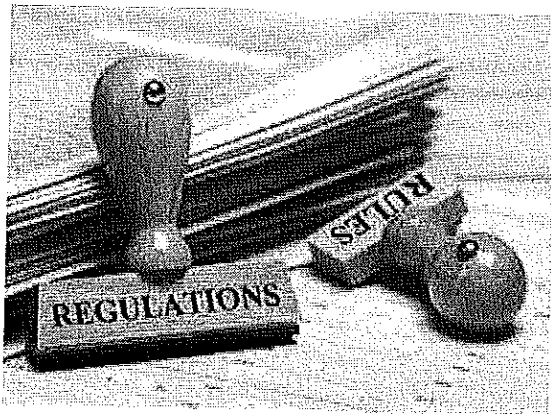
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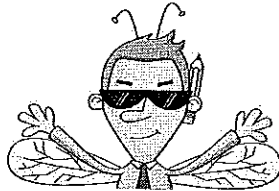
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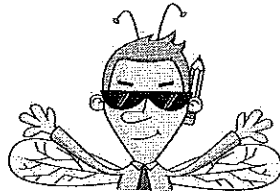
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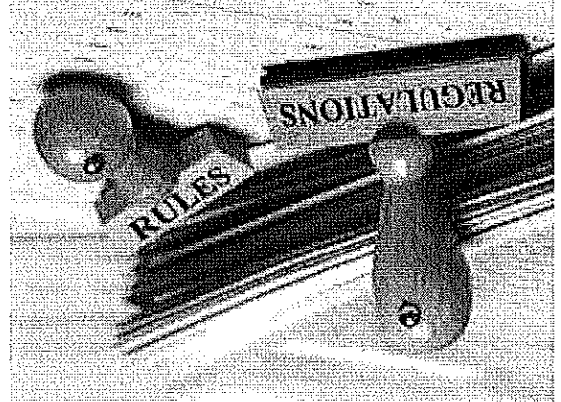
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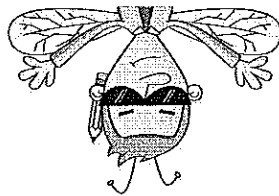
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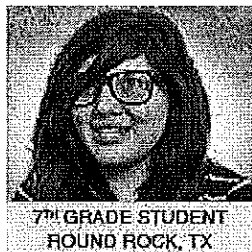


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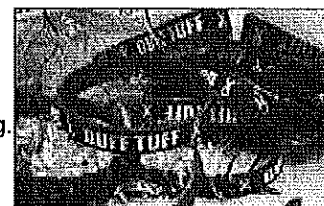
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A labor-backed group that helped defeat collective bargaining restrictions in Ohio says it's using the five-year anniversary of the union law to remind supporters to stay active and engaged in its efforts.

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The Ohio Supreme Court will hear arguments in the case of a woman who sued police over injuries she suffered after a high-speed chase ended with a burglary suspect colliding with her car.

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The cost of court cases brought for and against a juvenile court judge in southwest Ohio who was convicted of a felony charge after a legal battle over her election as judge could reach nearly \$1.7 million.

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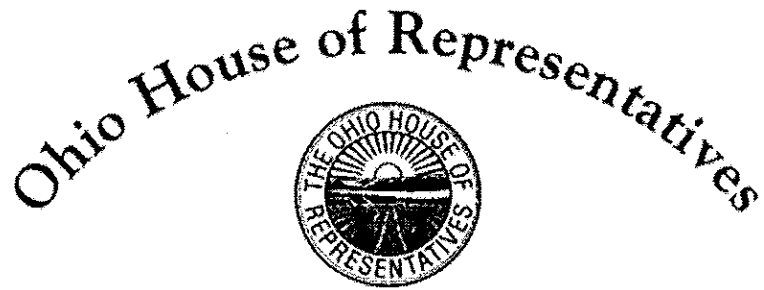
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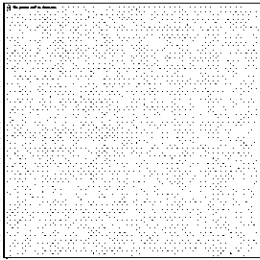
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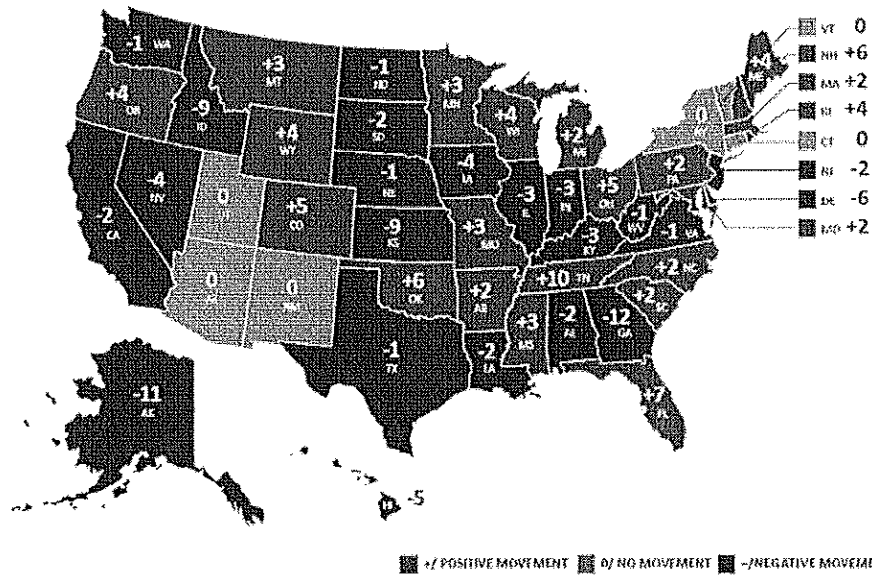
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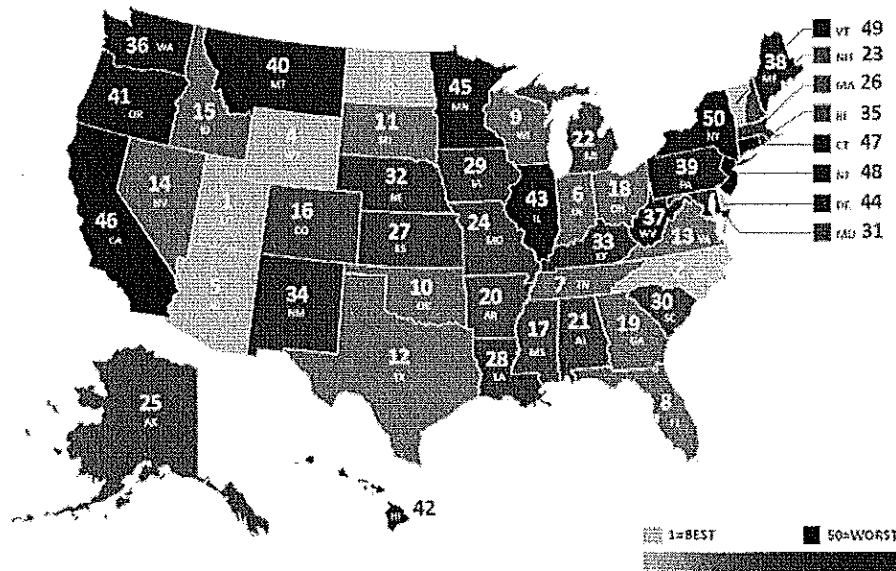


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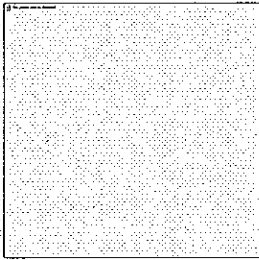
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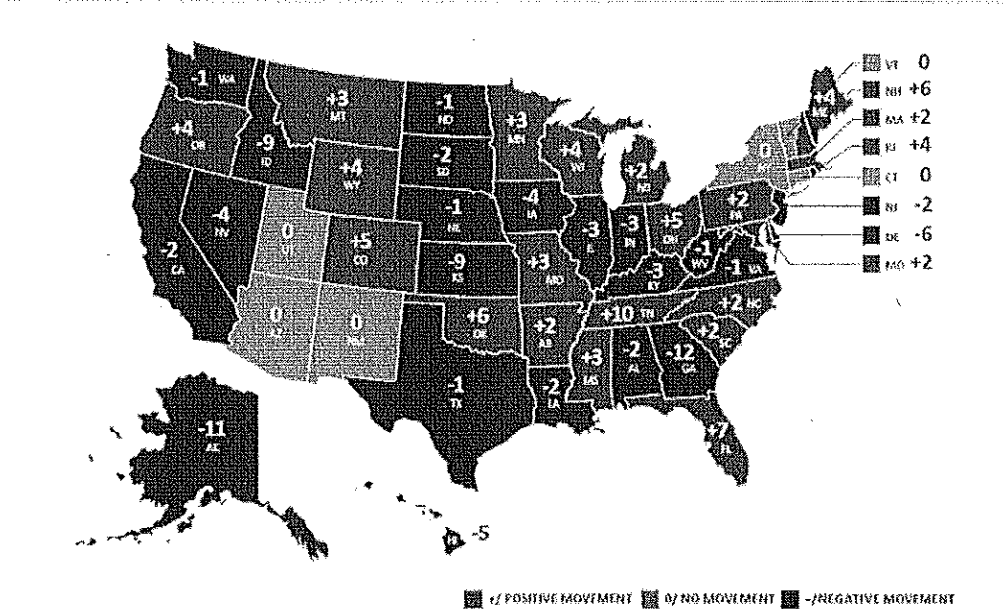
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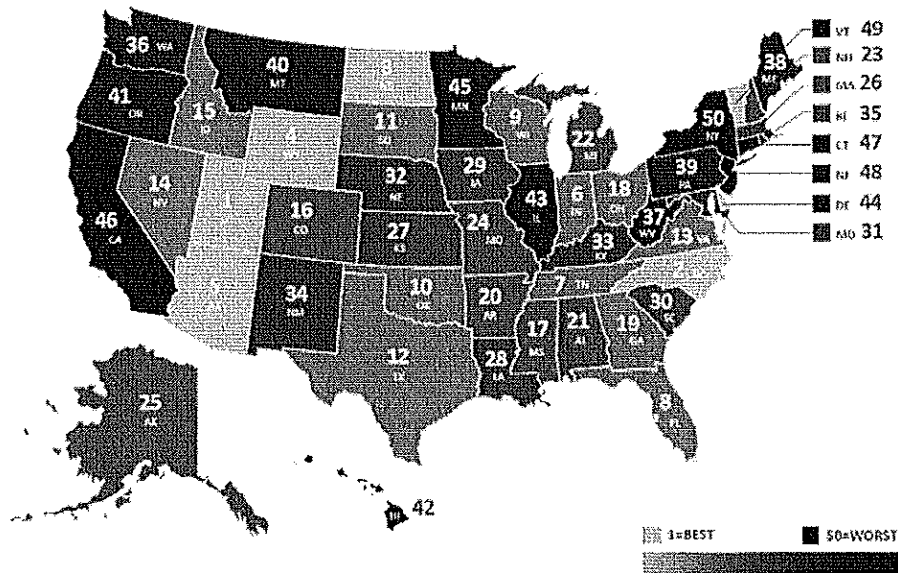
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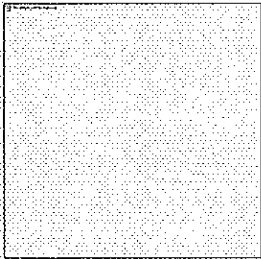
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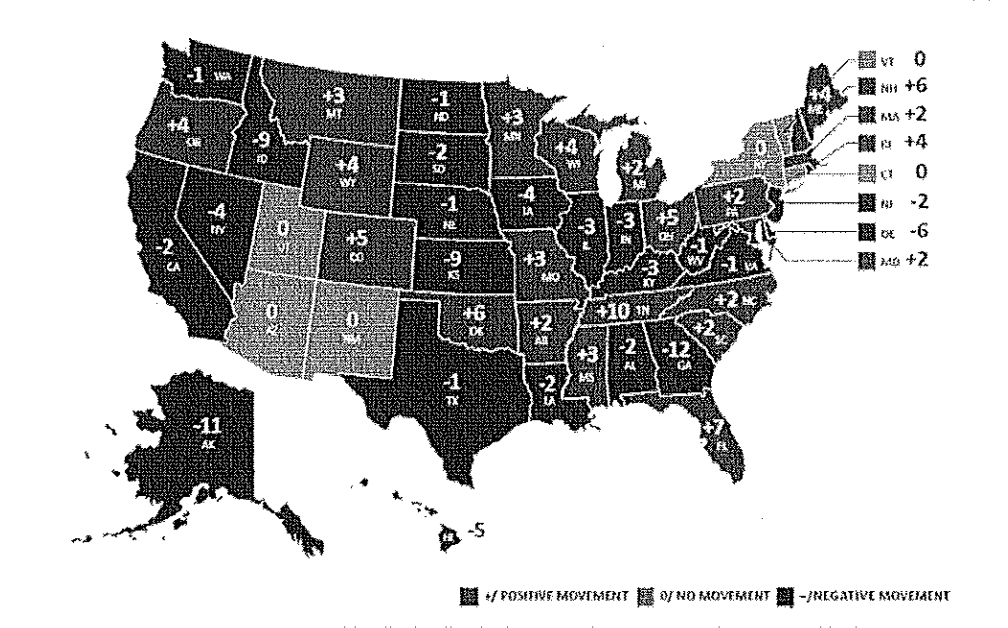
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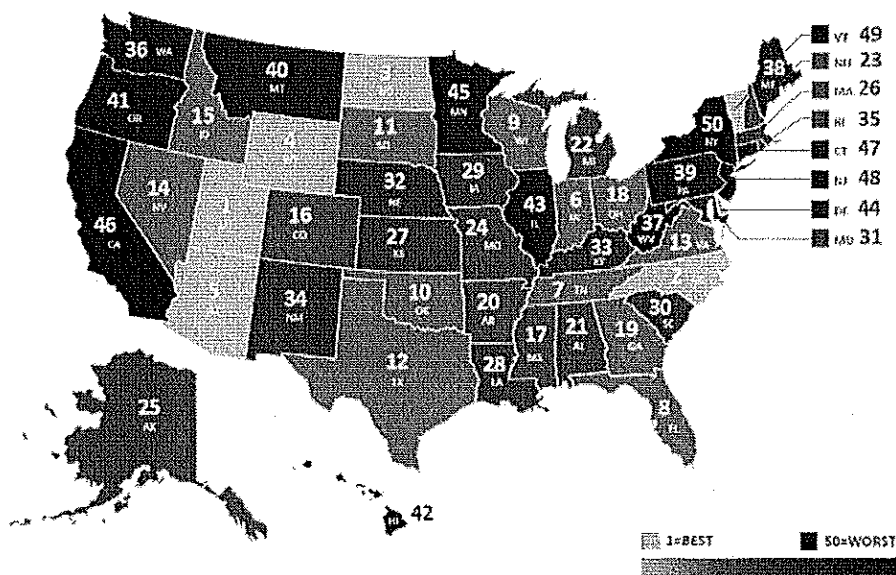
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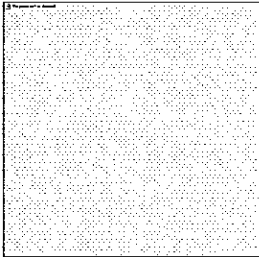
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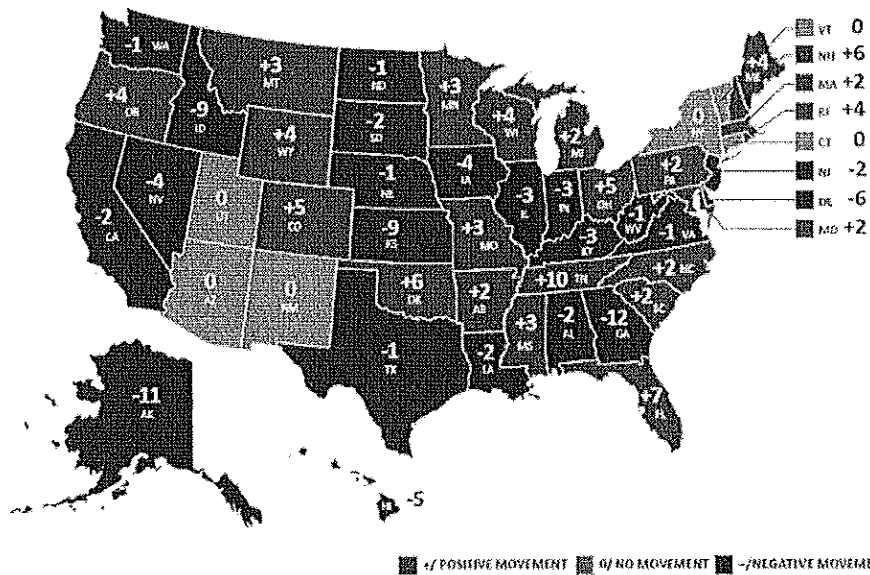
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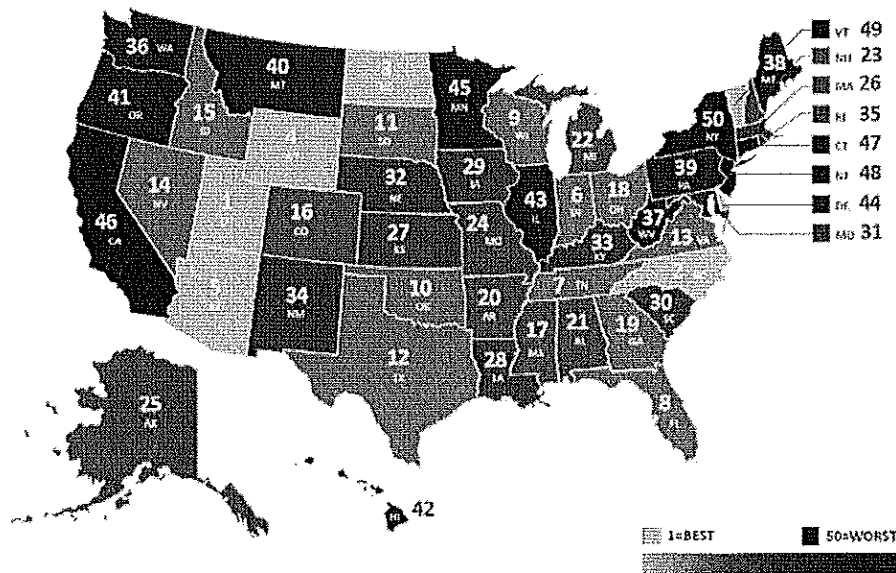


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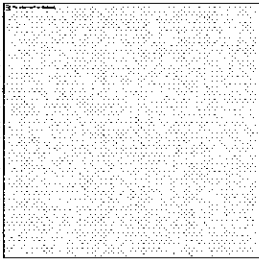
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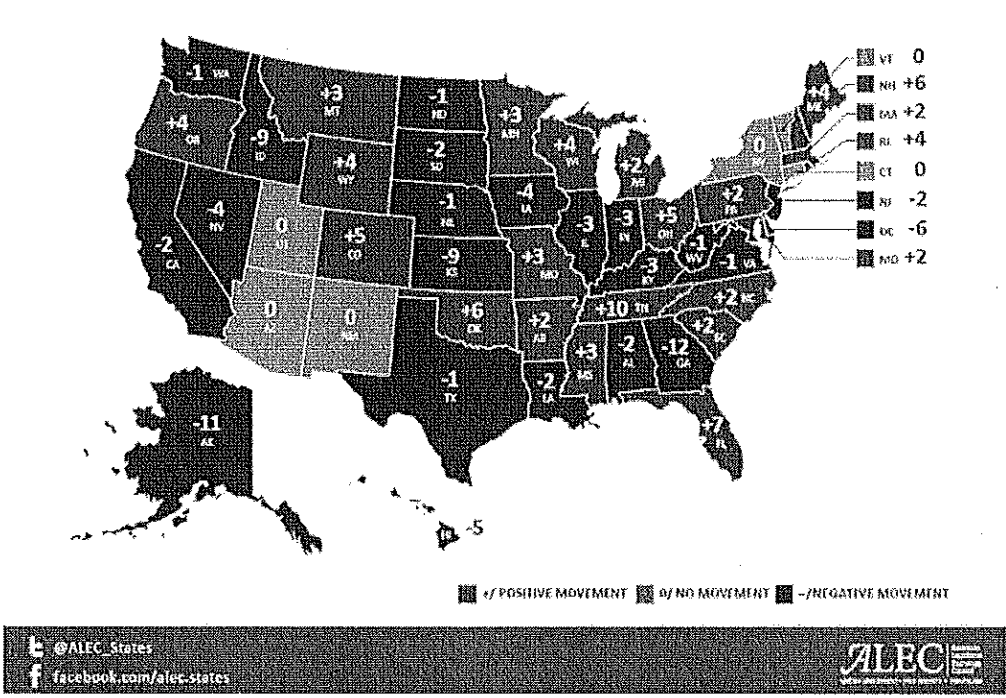
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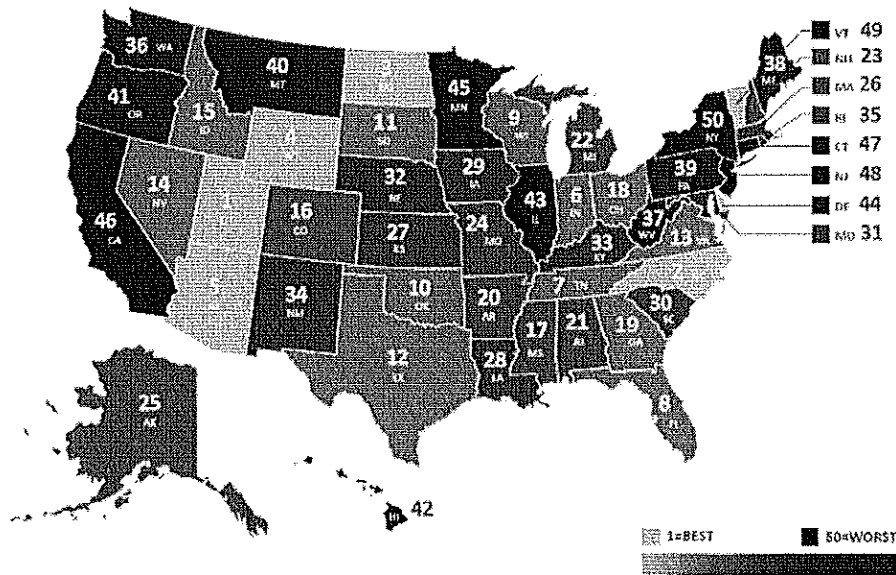
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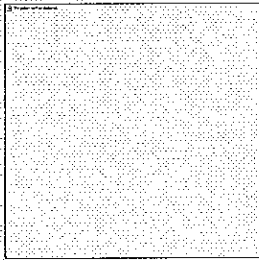
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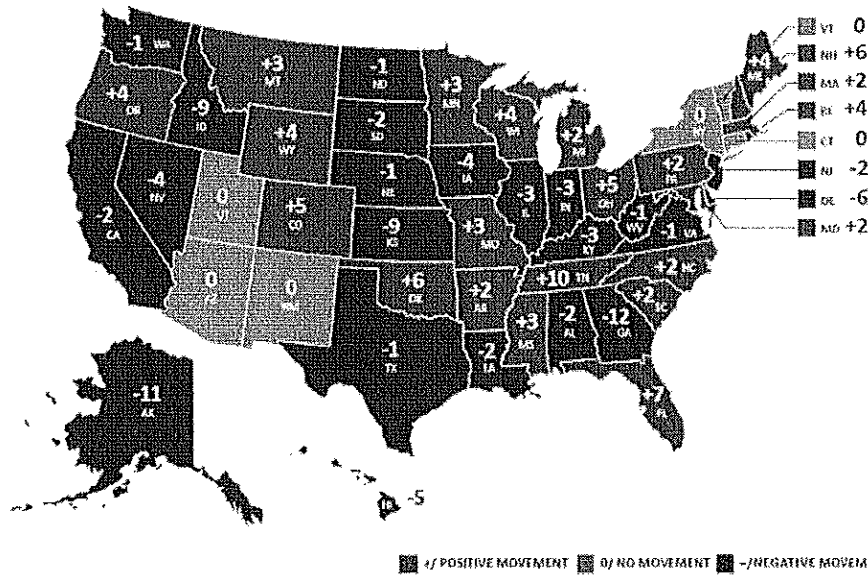
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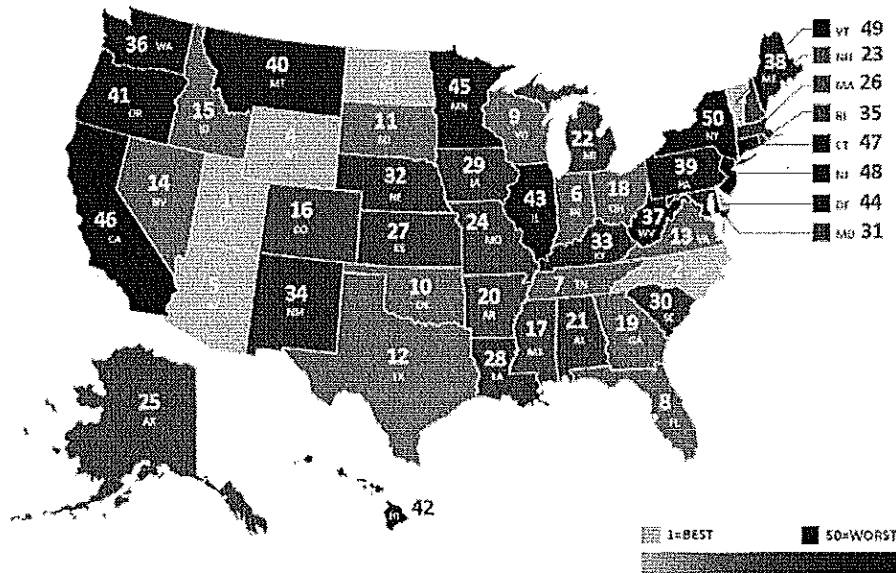


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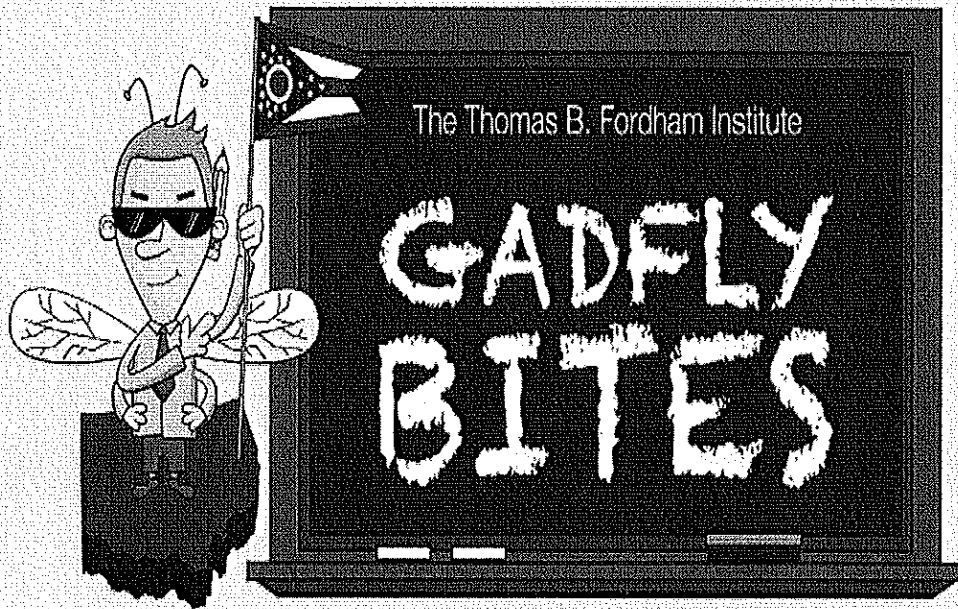
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1. I'm sorry to say that I missed this piece when it first ran last week. Sorry Jeremy! Redressing the balance now because it is a very interesting and detailed peek into the variations in teacher pay schedules among Dayton-area school districts. Since all of these variations are the result of collective bargaining over the years, it is interesting to see what is more valued (high starting salary vs. longevity pay, holding veteran transfers to the 10-year level regardless of experience, etc.) from district to district. (Dayton Daily News, 4/29/16) Apparently, DDN readers were equally interested in the piece. So much so that Jeremy Kelly researched and published an

addendum with more information related to questions on pay schedules raised by readers. Also an interesting read. (Dayton Daily News, 5/2/16)

2. A new new member should join the state board of ed at its meeting next week, and she's no stranger to state government in Ohio. Why do we need a new new member? Because the old new member, appointed in March, withdrew before being sworn in. (Columbus Dispatch, 5/3/16)
3. Also happening next week: the state board will interview the top 8 candidates for state superintendent. One of those finalists is former Springfield City Schools superintendent Dr. David Estrop. The DDN stepped in where the PD left off and gave us a brief profile of Dr. Estrop. (Dayton Daily News, 5/3/16)
4. One more stop on our review of state government happenings: the Joint Education Oversight Committee (pronounced JAY-ock) met last week and hammered out some basic details for what issues it would like to tackle once it gets properly started. (If only there were another similar committee from which it could take some cues in order to ramp up more quickly and smoothly.) Mentioned briefly was the topic of "transportation". After that meeting, it was decided that transportation is definitely an issue for JEOC's attention, seeing as how a transportation-specific legislative task force enacted in the previous state budget never got around to tackling it...mainly because no one ever got around to populating the putative task force. (Gongwer Ohio, 5/2/16)

5. I was saddened to read that St. Patrick School in Hubbard is slated to close at the end of the school year due to declining enrollment. I was at least happy to read that everyone involved in the closure is aware that EdChoice Scholarships are transferrable to other schools in the area and that staff at St. Patrick are working diligently to make sure that their families using vouchers know how and where to transfer. Best wishes to everyone in this difficult transition. (Youngstown Vindicator, 5/2/16) Speaking of EdChoice, it seems that legislators are interested in making sure that the state's wide-ranging "safe harbor" provisions don't inhibit voucher eligibility after all. I'm sure there will be pushback and we'll see how it turns out, but this is a positive development. (Gongwer Ohio, 5/3/16)
6. Some members of Akron City Council would like better communication with the Akron City school board regarding building projects. Good luck with that, I say. Who knows what the current beef is even about, but the fiddle music in the background is pleasing. (Akron Beacon Journal, 5/2/16)
7. Remember that "good problem to have" that Reynoldsburg City Schools has? The one where every high schooler both in the district and open enrolling into the district was clamoring for the same set of already-full STEM academies? Well, the proposed resolution announced this week – denying about 100 kids their first choice of high school academy – was not all that well-received in some quarters. It certainly seems the most efficient option, and one assumes that attrition will sort out the rest down the line. But the continued popularity of open enrollment in Reynoldsburg could easily become an ugly "us vs. them" issue in the meantime. (ThisWeek News/Reynoldsburg News, 5/3/16) Meanwhile, a new proposal from the

interim supe in Youngstown – to move only some sixth graders rather than all sixth graders in order to accommodate expanded all-day pre-K – seems to have gone over like as much of a lead balloon with the school board as the previous proposal. Wonder what the district CEO thinks of these plans? Oh right, still waiting on that particular appointment. (Youngstown Vindicator, 5/4/16)

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- HR446** HONORING OAKWOOD-ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM (Rep. James Butler, Jr.) Honoring the Oakwood High School Academic Decathlon team on placing first at the 2016 Division III National Championship.
- HR447** HONORING PICKERINGTON NORTH-BASEBALL (Rep. Tim Schaffer) Honoring the Pickerington High School North baseball team as the 2016 Division I State Champion.
- HR448** HONORING VILLAGE OF ABERDEEN-BICENTENNIAL (Rep. Doug Green) Honoring the Village of Aberdeen on its Bicentennial.

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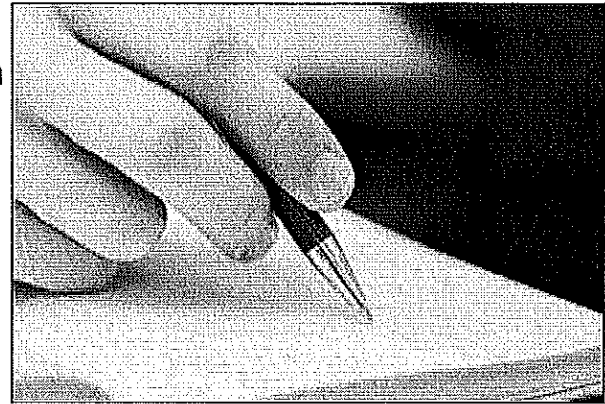
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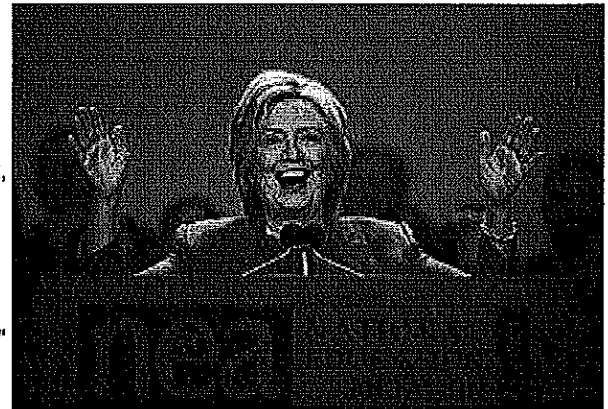


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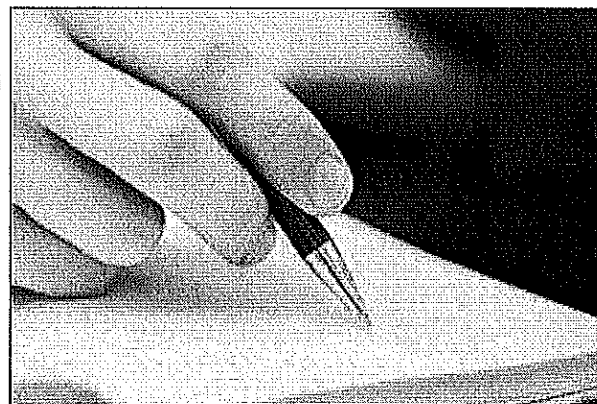
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Troopers Reach Contract Agreement With State

The state and Ohio State Troopers Association on Thursday announced details of a tentative three-year contract agreement supported by more than 90% of the union members who voted in recent days.

The 1,760-member union negotiated a 12.5% raise over three years in annual increments of 5%, 5% and 2.5%, OSTA President Jeremy Mendenhall said. Since the negotiations were delayed, the first year increase will be retroactive to the expiration date of the last contract, which was July 1, 2015.

The pact includes a one-time ratification payment of \$750 for members, according to the union and Department of Administrative Services.

OSTA received a higher increase than other union employees, which received 7.5% over three years "in exchange for concessions to the Health and Physical Fitness Program, management discretion in selection, and flexibility in the area of personal leave," the two sides reported in a joint news release.

The groups said language in the contract that enhances management rights and employee accountability, streamlines the disciplinary process and lengthens the retention period for discipline, is "consistent with the changes in the other collective bargaining agreements," according to the release.

Pending Controlling Board ratification, the contract will be effective on Sept. 29.

More details in today's Gongwer News Service *Ohio Report*.

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From: Matt Cox
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CC: Kasych, Shawn
Subject: Fwd: 3314.02

This is from Stephanie at CMSD whose interpreting the law incorrectly . . . or in a way that doesn't cause her the most problems.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Klupinski, Stephanie"
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Cc: "Matt Cox (matt@ccg-ohio.com)" <matt@ccg-ohio.com>

It's been urgent. Rachel Costanzo raised the issue with CA while I was on maternity leave after we got their disclosure forms back. I just finally laid down the hammer now. And while it has been law for ages, the state, as you know, has only recently cracked down on all sponsors to verify this. Oh, and HB 2 also added some new requirements in terms of disclosure.

Under your analysis, Eric Gordon would be forced to leave his position as CEO or CMSD if one of his immediate relatives joined a charter school in Cleveland.

Citizens Academy should have vetted the candidates before they joined to make sure there were no conflicts. You can certainly tell Brian Roof to ask his sister in law to quit her job. Should make for an interesting Thanksgiving for their family.

And I am not even going to start to get into the collective bargaining implications of what you suggest....

The law is overbroad, and I've been arguing this for a while. I even brought NACSA in. There was definitely sympathy for our position, and some amazement as to how broad the law is. As I have pointed out, it refers to ANY sponsor or ANY operator in the state—not just the sponsor of the school. But with all the major changes in HB 2 last year, this just was not priority.

Please do keep me in the loop with changes you might be proposing. CMSD does not support, as Adam Schira suggested when he and I talked last week, limiting its definition of "sponsor" only refer to myself and a handful of others. There might be ways to limit what sponsor means, but I want to be sure CMSD is part of those conversations.

We proposed limiting the conflicted members to 20 percent.

We are in agreement that the law is overbroad. Let's focus on making the change to law that we need rather than focusing on whether a teacher needs to quit her job.

From: John Zitzner [<mailto:JZitzner@breakthroughschools.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2016 10:39 AM
To: Klupinski, Stephanie
Cc: Matt Cox (matt@ccg-ohio.com)
Subject: RE: 3314.02

Stephanie. I agree the whole thing is ridiculous yet it's been in law for a while. Why is it urgent now, vs. a year ago, that we're focusing on it?

Re my prior email, let's parse this by focusing on certain words...

3314.02

(3) No present or former member, or immediate relative of a present or former member, of the governing authority of any community school established under this chapter shall be an owner, employee, or consultant of any sponsor or operator of a community school, unless at least one year has elapsed since the conclusion of the person's membership.

The relative is a teacher at CMSD and it hasn't been a year since the board member resigned.

Therefore, the teacher cannot be employed by CMSD, no?

When were the convos with Grady and Brenner?

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To: John Zitzner; Matthew Cox

Subject: 3314.02

Attached are the official copies of what we submitted to the Senate last year related to 3314.02. I also had conversations with Colleen Grady and Andrew Brenner about this issue.

And no, John, I do not read the law as requiring CMSD to terminate one of our teachers. It seems as though the board member has resigned. Please know that other CMSD-sponsored schools (both Stonebrook Montessori and Promise Academy) were also dramatically affected by this law and have also been communicating their frustration to the legislature.

Thanks,
Stephanie

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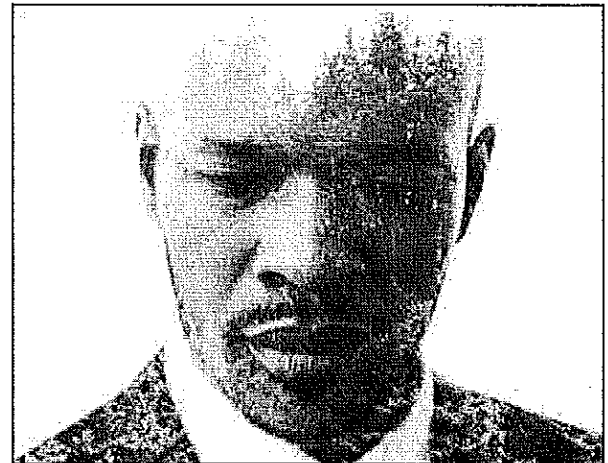
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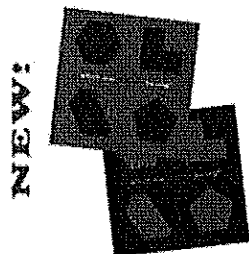
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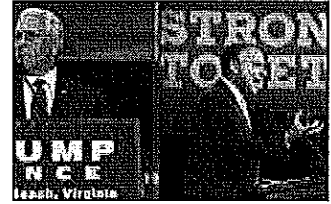
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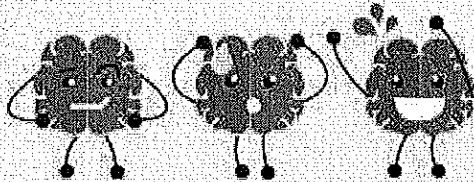
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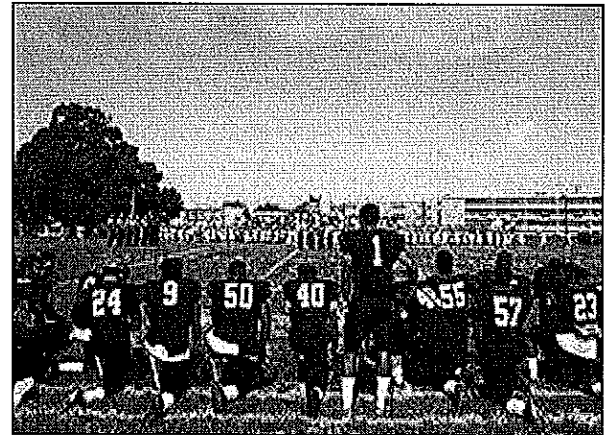
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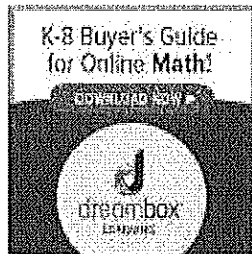
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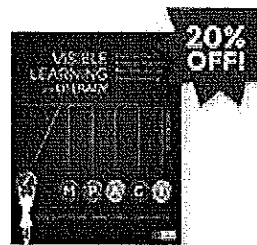


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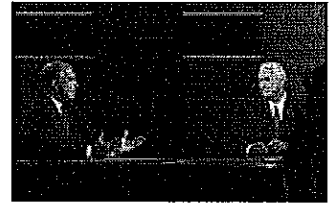
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